being guarded and patrolled by troops deployed on ground.

Strike by DRDO employees in Dehradun against scrapping of defence projects and corruption

322. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that employees of DRDO in Dehradun have gone on indefinite strike to protest the scrapping of some defence projects and alleged corruption in defence reserved projects in the recent past;

(b) if so, the actual position in this regard; and

(c) the action taken by Government on the charges made by the employees?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Opening of new Sainik schools

†323. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to establish new Sainik schools;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the names of such States wherein Government propose to open the said schools?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) 29 requests from State Governments, M.Ps/VIP have been

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.